

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 269 - HB 269**

March 10, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each public school to employ at least one school resource officer (SRO), beginning in the 2014-15 school year. Requires the state to bear the costs for employing such officers.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**Exceeds \$89,200,000/FY14-15 and Subsequent Fiscal Years**

**Decrease Local Expenditures –**

**Exceeds \$35,000,000/FY14-15 and Subsequent Fiscal Years**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Education, expenses for a full-time SRO range from \$50,000 to \$75,000 with salary, benefits, training, and equipment.
- Minimum recurring expenses of \$50,000 per SRO.
- There are 1,784 schools and an estimated 700 SROs.
- Beginning in FY14-15, the increase in state expenditures for newly-employed SROs is reasonably estimated to exceed \$54,200,000 [ $\$50,000 \times (1,784 \text{ schools} - 700 \text{ currently employed SROs})$ ].
- The state will assume the financial burden for all existing SROs. Beginning in FY14-15, the recurring decrease in local expenditures, and the corresponding recurring increase in state expenditures, is estimated to exceed \$35,000,000 ( $\$50,000 \times 700$ ).
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$89,200,000 ( $\$54,200,000 + \$35,000,000$ ).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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